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Dear Dr. Stone:

When I met you at the Gordon Conference on Oxygen Radicals last month I had no idea that I would be writing to you about financial assistance. However, I came face-to-face with potential disaster last week when I learned that my NIH grant, which has been my only source of support for the past several years, would not be renewed.

I intend to press NIH for continued support and have written to the Program Director of NIAID, Dr. R. A. Goldstein, to indicate this. A copy of my letter to him is enclosed, as is an abstract of my grant, to give you an idea of my position.

I have been working with one other person in the laboratory, Dr. B. M. Ratnayake Bandara, a chemist who has taken a leave of absence from the University of Peradeniya in Sri Lanka (he was trained in Australia) to work with me. The modest wage available for him from my grant will run out in June, and I am beside myself over the thought of losing him: our association has been one of the most fruitful periods I can remember.

As my work has become more involved with free radical reactions, I find that it has also become more difficult to obtain grant support. There appears to be a fear on the part of granting agencies to deal with these seemingly ephemeral entities, and this last blow may cause me to go down altogether unless I am thrown a life preserver.

If you think your organization might be interested in supporting the type of work I am doing, please let me know and I will send whatever materials you would need for an evaluation. My NIH renewal would supply \$81,589 per year in direct costs for a period of 5 years, to which Tulane would add another 10% for indirect costs if support were to come from a private source. What I am seeking now is support for one year, which would enable me to resubmit an amended application and wait another full cycle. However, if I could manage to get an earlier renewal, I would gladly return the unexpended portion.

Please call me at any time if you wish to discuss this proposal. I can be reached at (504) 584-2447 (lab) or (504) 486-4639 (home).

Sincerely yours,

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Research Professor